

2014 Vermont Bird Records Committee Meeting
Vermont Center for Ecostudies, Norwich, VT.

Meeting called to order at 10:08 am.

Attending:

Judy Peterson and Allan Strong, Co-Chairs
George Clark
Hector Galbraith
Spencer Hardy
Dave Johnston
Kent McFarland
Craig Provost
Ruth Stewart
John Sutton
Sue Wetmore

Discussion of past minutes,

Minutes are missing for 2012 (which included addition of three new members).

Kent will add a note about the three members and that they are missing on the web page for the records.

Voting procedure:

8 yes votes for normal records

100% for first state records

Do not abstain from voting on personal records if certain, not voting counts as a no vote.

Preserving Records:

Discussion of preserving hard copies of RSDs at UVM library, on archival photo paper.

Allen will talk to the library and also see if possible job for work study students.

Screen captures of videos, audio files as .wav files and possibly spectrographs

George will look into a second hardcopy location at the Vermont Historical Society.

State checklist:

Kent is annotating checklists with number of records and first record, link to ebird map, with time stamp on our new web page.

Differences between ebird and records committee discussed.

Hypothetical Records:

Not used elsewhere. This is for first state records with single observer and no photo.

If we switched to no votes, what happens?

Ebird accepts all hypothetical records as valid in Vermont

Use of Hypothetical will continue.

Increasing electronic voting:

Quarterly voting? Settled on twice a year following spring and fall migration, one month to vote.

Unanimous vote needed to accept during this. If not, discussed at annual meeting.
Agreed on one electronic voting, June, 1st.

Meeting and committee organization:

Small tasks for individuals

We need Kent, 2 or 3 co-chairs, and list serve enforcer

List of tasks from Judy and Allen might be needed.

Other discussion points:

10 records rule, maybe add a time dimension too?

Unnecessary, as we are doing a good enough job now watching to see if we have to add it back on or add something that has now become rare.

Subspecies

Hector will make a hit list of subspecies for the committee to consider and get folks looking for.

Elections

Allen will administrate June electronic voting

Judy will write 2014 report

Nominations and approval for Hector, John, and Kent as chairs

Spencer will enforce RSD submissions on list serves

Meeting adjourned at ~3pm.